

Artists Creating Together

2026 Summer Camp FAQs



When does camp registration open / close?

- 2026 Summer Camp registration will open on **March 2 at 11:00am**.
- To be alerted to Summer Camp updates, please consider signing up for ACT email updates, following **@actwm** on social media, and bookmarking the Summer Camp website: www.artistscreatingtogether.org/summer-camps
- Camps fill up quickly! Once full, a waiting list will be available.
- Camp registration will remain open until camps are full.

How do I sign up for camps?

- Beginning March 2 at 11:00am, there will be two ways to sign up for camp:
 1. Online form
 2. Pick up a brochure at ACT and fill out the enclosed form
- Registration forms are manually approved by ACT staff. You will receive an email from an ACT staff member after your registration has been confirmed.
- If you need help registering for camp, please contact Jess via phone (616-885-5866) or email (program@artistscreatingtogether.org).

Where are ACT camps located?

- Locations vary, including:
 - o in the Covenant Learning Center at Frederik Meijer Gardens (1000 E Beltline Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525)
 - o or at the ACT Studio (1140 Monroe Ave NW, Suite 4101, Grand Rapids, MI 49503)
- Upon signing up for camps, please read the camp descriptions for location details.

What is the New Student Enrollment Form?

- ACT requires all new campers to complete a New Student Enrollment Form. The information you provide helps the ACT team prepare to support your camper. This form will be requested by an ACT staff member after you register. It must be returned by the requested deadline in order to hold your spot at camp.

How will ACT communicate reminders, details, and updates with me?

- The ACT staff member leading 2026 Summer Camps is Program Director, Jess. Please watch your email inbox and spam folder for information from Jess at program@artistscreatingtogether.org

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- You will receive reminders and updates about two weeks prior to the first day of camp. Please don't hesitate to contact ACT if you have any questions before, during or after camp!

How will ACT support my camper?

- ACT Summer Camps are led by a full-time staff member, a professional teaching artist, and 1-2 program assistants. As available, interns and volunteers will also provide additional, personalized support. The ACT team is experienced and equipped to support campers of any age and ability. We provide a safe space for creative expression by creating daily routines and clear expectations for participation, while providing individualized instruction and support for each person to fully experience the activities in the way they are most comfortable.
- If your camper requires support beyond what ACT provides, a caregiver is welcome to attend camp with them.
- As mentioned above, the *New Student Enrollment Form* will be required for anyone who is new to ACT. It provides an opportunity for you to indicate specific needs and suggestions for ACT, and for ACT to reach out with any clarifying questions prior to the first day of camp.

What to bring?

- Please bring a backpack or tote, labeled with the camper's name. Contents may include:
 - Water bottle
 - Change of clothes
 - Snack if desired

Snacks and allergies?

- Please disclose all allergies on the *New Student Enrollment Form*, including food allergies and sensitivities.
- ACT will provide one healthy snack each day. When planning the snack menu, ACT will consider all disclosed allergies. ACT will communicate the snack menu to you prior to the first day of camp. You are welcome to pack your own snack if you prefer.

Emergencies and medications?

- Please disclose all medical concerns on the *New Student Enrollment Form*. The last page of the form includes a Medical Release/Treatment form, allowing ACT to seek medical treatment in an emergency.

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- ACT staff will not administer medications. If you need to drop in during camp to administer medication, please let us know in advance.

Bathroom information?

- Campers need to be able to use the restroom independently or be accompanied by their own caregiver who can support. ACT staff do not enter the restroom with campers and are not authorized to assist with toileting needs. ACT staff will encourage campers to use the restroom regularly.
- The restroom at ACT located adjacent to the studio.
- The restroom at Frederik Meijer Gardens is located down the hall, a short walk from the classroom space.

Drop off and pick up procedures?

- Campers may arrive up to 15-minutes prior to camp starting and must be picked up within 15-minutes of camp ending. ACT staff will not be available before or after this 15-minute window, and will call the camper's emergency contacts to request that the camper be picked up immediately.
- For camps taking place at the **ACT studio**, please navigate to 1140 Monroe Ave NW, Grand Rapids. ACT is located inside the corner glass atrium, near the purple flower/butterfly mural. The parking lot is free and can be accessed via Leonard or Monroe. You may park and walk inside together, or you may drop off your camper at the front door and ACT staff will help guide them to the studio. ACT staff will be in the lobby 15-minutes before and after camps.
- For camps taking place at **Frederik Meijer Gardens**, please navigate to 1000 E Beltline Ave NE, Grand Rapids. There is a loop outside the main welcome center where your camper can exit/enter your vehicle without parking. If you prefer to park in the lot and walk in with your camper, please meet us at the main entrance. ACT staff will be at the entrance 15-minutes before and after camps. *Please be prompt with morning drop-off, as we will wait as a group for all campers to arrive and travel together as a group through the gardens.*

Why is there a Showcase on the last day of camp?

- On the last day of camp, ACT may schedule a showcase to celebrate the creative work and connections we made at camp! Typically showcases are scheduled on the last day of camp, during the last half hour of the camp. Family and friends are invited to attend as guests, enjoying light refreshments, an artwork exhibition, and a short presentation of camp photos

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and highlights. While we encourage families to drop in and celebrate with us, showcases are optional to attend.

Does ACT offer scholarships?

- ACT is committed to keeping camps financially accessible. If you would like to request assistance in the form of a full or partial scholarship, please contact ACT to request a [Scholarship Application Form](#). The form must be submitted upon registering for the camp. ACT will review the form and alert the applicant within two-weeks of receiving the form.
- Scholarships are made possible by generous donors. To donate to ACT, please visit: www.artistscreatingtogether.org/donate

What is ACT's cancellation policy?

- If you are unable to attend the camp you enrolled in, please let ACT know as soon as possible.
- Full refund for cancellations made two weeks or more before camp
- Cancellations within two weeks are not eligible for a refund, but will receive credit toward a future ACT program
- No prorated fees or make-up days for absences

How can I learn more?

- Contact Jess, ACT Program Director:
 - o Email: program@artistscreatingtogether.org
 - o Office Phone: 616-885-5866
- If you would like to schedule an appointment to meet the ACT team, tour the ACT studio, or learn more about summer camps, please reach out!